

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, May 19, 1898, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL JOURNAL Beinn Bhreagh. C. B. Thursday, May 19, 1898.

Mr. McLean of Washaback called — and brought with him a wild goose he caught alive over in Washaback. A beautiful creature and quite tame already although he had had it for only three weeks. Bought it for our Zoo. A heron will be the next occupant of a cage.

Canadian flag flying at half-mast on Beinn Bhreagh on account of Gladstone's death telegraphed by you.

Lucien McCurdy is paying me a little visit. No word of Mr. McCurdy or from him yet — though a letter for him in your handwriting shows that he must have left Washington before the letter did. I suppose he has loitered in Utica, Montreal and Ottara.

Appeal to Premin Murray successful — the mail arrived tonight.

Lina McCurdy came over this afternoon, stayed to dinner, and played whist with us afterwards. I rowed her home from the Lodge Wharf — rowed back and walked home.

Miss Gain and Miss Macdonald dined with us and talked Sewing School. The pupils have planted seeds for the flower show.

AGB.